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## **By Federal Express**

Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463

RE: MUR 5635

## Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is in response to the letter that we received on January 11, 2005.

You stated that there is reason to believe that American Business Information Systems, Inc. violated a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

After reviewing the documents that were provided, we completed an internal investigation. Here are the results:

American Business Information Systems, Inc. provided printing and mailing services to American Target Advertising. The client of American Target Advertising's was CLPAC.

American Business Information Systems, Inc. produced four different projects. The invoice numbers, dollar amounts and dates are:

Inv 0016355-IN	\$10,208.00	9/25/2000
Inv 0016369-IN	\$7,510.60	9/25/2000
Inv 0016475-IN	\$7,951.32	10/20/2000
Inv 0016489-IN	\$12,178.90	11/21/2000

Our standard payment terms were net tendays. There are times that we extend exceptions up to one hundred and twenty days, depending on the specific client requirements. There were no special arrangements made with the client for these jobs.

After reviewing the payment history for the invoices listed above. I can now recall the circumstances clearly.



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We made numerous attempts to collect on these receivables. After six plus months of persistent collection attempts, we finally received a check. The client check number was 194 in the amount of \$2,120.64. This was a partial payment for Inv 0016475-IN. We deposited this check on 3/13/2001. Upon receipt of this check, we immediately contacted the client to inquire about the balance due, and for an explanation of the partial payment. All of our calls went unanswered.

A few days went by and we received another check. The client check number was 156 in the amount of \$26,958.26. This check included payment in full for invoices 0016255-IN and 00016369-IN, the balance due for invoice 0016475-IN and a partial for invoice 0016489-IN. This check was deposited on 3/15/2001. After this check was received, we still had an outstanding balance of \$8,769.92 for invoice 0016489-IN.

As I am sure you can imagine, our patience with regards to collections from this client was gone. After the difficulties that we were experiencing trying to collect on the September, 2000 invoices, we made a decision in December of 2000 to never work with this client again.

After the last check was received, we made a corporate decision to write off the uncollectible receivable as bad debt. At this point, in total, we received over 76% of the total receivables from this client.

I hope that there is enough information presented here to provide you with a clear picture of the relationship between American Business Information Systems, Inc. and American Target Advertising / CLPAC. Not only would we have never considered making a contribution to this organization, we would never enter into a business relationship with them again.

